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The procedure of the Fiat-Shamir scheme can be expounded as follows. A reliable system administrator selects a sufficiently large number n . Then, A prover selects his own private key a that is relatively prime with n , and calculates $b = a^2 \bmod n$. The prover discloses b . Then, the following protocol is repeated for a number of times:

(a) The prover selects a random integer $r \in Z_n^*$, $r \in Z_n^*$, where Z_n^* is a multiplicative group of order n , calculates $x = r^2$, and sends x to the verifier;

(b) The verifier selects a random number $\epsilon \in \{0, 1\}$, and sends ϵ to the prover;

(c) On receiving ϵ , the prover calculates $y = r \cdot a^\epsilon \bmod n$ and sends y to the verifier; and

(d) The verifier examines whether $y^2 = x \cdot b^\epsilon \bmod n$ is established. If true, then the verifier accepts the prover as a legitimate user and, otherwise, stops the protocol.

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Various schemes have been developed based on the original Fiat-Schamir scheme, and follows the above-mentioned protocol.

On the other hand, the procedure of the Schnorr scheme is as follows. First, two primes numbers p and q are chosen, wherein q is a prime factor of $p-1$. Then, choose a not equal to 1, such that $a^{q-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ $a^q \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$. Then, a random number s , i.e., the private key, less than q is chosen. The public key $v = a^s \pmod{p}$ is then calculated. Thereafter, the following protocol is executed:

- (a) The prover selects a random number r less than q , and computes $x = a^r \pmod{p}$, then sends x to the verifier;
- (b) The verifier sends the prover a random number $\varepsilon \in Z_q^*$, where Z_q^* is a multiplicative group of order q ;
- (c) The prover computes $y = r + s\varepsilon \pmod{q}$ $y = r + s\varepsilon \pmod{q}$ and sends y to the verifier; and
- (d) The verifier verifies whether $x = a^y \pmod{p}$ $x = a^y \cdot v^\varepsilon \pmod{p}$ is established. If true, then the verifier accepts the prover as a legitimate user and, otherwise, stops the protocol.

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Subsequently, the prover selects random numbers $r_1, r_2, r_3 \in Z_m^*$ $r_1, r_2,$

$r_3 \in Z_m^*$ and generates

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The verifier receives the evidence (x, Q) , selects a randomly selected number

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